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TO ALL DBE FIRMS LOCATED IN THE DISASTER AREAS

In an effort to lessen the burden on those firms impacted by the catastrophic disasters created by Katrina and Rita, the Louisiana Unified Certification Program, which includes the Department of Transportation and Development, Louis Armstrong International Airport, Regional Transit Authority, Orleans Levee District, England Airpark Authority, and the City of Shreveport are allowing those firms located in the disaster areas a one year grace period. Recertification applications and annual affidavits will not be required from these firms until their expiration date occurs in 2006. We realize and recognize that many records have been destroyed; therefore, we are offering this one time hardship relief in an effort to assist you during this devastating time. Please note that this relief effort is offered only to those DBE firms who were in good standing prior to the aforementioned Hurricanes.

For further assistance or should you have any questions, please contact your firm's certifying agency. The telephone numbers are shown below for your convenience:

**Department of Transportation & Development
(225) 379-1382**

**Louis Armstrong International Airport
(504) 465-8867**

**Regional Transit Authority
(504) 465-8867**

**Orleans Levee District
(504) 858-5022 or (225) 763-2040**

**England Airpark Authority
(318) 449-3504**

**City of Shreveport
(318) 673-7506**